ORDINANCE #21-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RESTATE SECTION 9-298 OF ARTICLE 7, DIVISION 2 OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE WILLIAMSBURG CODE IN ORDER TO INCLUDE PERMISSIBLE SOLICITATION TIMES THEREIN

WHEREAS, Section 9-298 of Article 7, Division 2, Chapter 9 of the Williamsburg Code currently provides no daily time limitations for permittees; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the public safety and welfare City Council deems it advisable to amend such Code Section to establish daily time periods during which permittees may solicit;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDAINED, that Section 9-298 of Article7, Division 2, Chapter 9 of the Williamsburg Code is hereby amended and restated as follows:

Sec. 9-298. Permit issuance.

Within 15 days of receipt of a permit application completed in proper form and accompanied by the application fee required under section 9-297, the Chief of Police shall conduct a background investigation of the applicant and any person who employs the applicant. By the end of such 15-day period, if based upon such investigation the Chief of Police is satisfied that the applicant and any person who employs the applicant has not been convicted of a felony or any crime of moral turpitude within seven years prior to the date of application, the Chief of Police shall issue the requested permit to the applicant. Throughout its duration the permit shall authorize the permittee to solicit in the location described therein daily beginning at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time or Daylight time as then applicable and ending one hour prior to the time of official sunset as determined by reference to the NOAA ESRL Sunrise/Sunset Calculator for Richmond Virginia. Such permit shall describe the permitted location and shall bear the date of issuance and expiration and shall be signed by the Chief of Police. Should the Chief of Police not receive necessary criminal records within 15 days of receipt of the applicant's application, issuance of the permit may be delayed until the necessary records are received. The Chief of Police shall not be required to issue a permit to any person who has or who is employed by another person, who has been convicted of any felony or of any crime of moral turpitude within seven years of the permit application, or to any person whose permit has been previously revoked.

EXCEPT, as here amended, the Williamsburg Code shall remain unchanged.

Douglas Pons, Mayor

Adopted: September 9, 2021

Sandi L. Filicko, Clerk